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In re Application of: CHEN et al.

Application No.: 09/630,121

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Group Art Unit: 1772

Examiner: W. P. WATKINS, III

For: THERMOPLASTIC PLANKS AND METHODS FOR MAKING THE SAME

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REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

November 6, 2002

Sir:

This Request for Reconsideration is in response to the Office Action dated July 8, 2002, for which the Examiner has set a three-month period for response. A petition for a one-month Extension of Time and the requisite fee are submitted herewith, thus making the response due on or before November 8, 2002.

REMARKS

Reconsideration and continued examination of this application are respectfully requested.

Applicants thank Examiner Watkins for acknowledgement and consideration of the references submitted by applicants in Information Disclosure Statements and Forms 1449 submitted March 25, 2002, January 14, 2002, and November 6, 2000.

Claims 7-21, 31-33, and 37-53 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as allegedly unpatentable over Nelson (U.S. Patent No. 6,324,809 B1) in view of Spain et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,662,977) and further in view of Andres (U.S. Patent No. 5,553,427). The Examiner asserts that